(b) the reasons for non-utilising the allotted funds by the concerned department in the State; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) During the last three years an amount of Rs. 148.00 lakhs has been released to the State Government in 1999-2000 to clear pending bills. During 2000-2001 the CLASS scheme was under modification. The revised CLASS scheme has been launched during 2001-2002, proposal from the State Government is awaited.

Yoga Centres in high schools

1394. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme to introduce 'Yoga Centres' in high schools and higher secondary schools is in force;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that grants are not sanctioned for construction of building, providing furniture and Library for these Yoga Centres;

(c) whether it is also a fact that any NGO cannot undertake training Programmes for teachers in Yoga for 3-6-12 months, without the basic infrastructure of building and furniture; and

(d) whether Government would consider providing building grants and furniture grants to the approved NGO's for the scheme in force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Introduction of Yoga in Schools" for providing financial assistance to States, Union Territories and Institutions/Non-Governmental Organisations in yoga has been force since 1989. Under the Scheme financial assistance is provided for teacher training up gradation of Library and construction/ expansion of hostels.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) At present there is not such provision under the scheme.